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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 66/22, the General Assembly, having taken note of the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Indian Ocean (A/66/29), requested the Chair of the Committee to continue his informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

2. Pursuant to that resolution, the Committee held its formal session (455th meeting) on 11 July 2013 at United Nations Headquarters. The Chair also held a number of consultations and meetings during 2013.

3. At the 455th meeting, the following delegations made statements in the general discussion under agenda item 3: [to be completed]

4. The Committee is composed of the following States:

(a) 43 members:

Australia	India
Bangladesh	Indonesia
Bulgaria	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Canada	Iraq
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(b) Observers:

Nepal
South Africa
Sweden

5. Following elections to fill vacancies in the Bureau, the officers of the Committee were as follows:

Chair:
Palitha T. B. Kohona (Sri Lanka)

Vice-Chairs:
Emily Street (Australia)
Ary Aprianto (Indonesia)
Bernardo Serage (Mozambique)

Rapporteur:
Héléna Bernadette Rajaonarivelo (Madagascar)

II. Work of the Committee in 2013

A. Adoption of the agenda

6. At its 45th meeting, the Committee adopted the agenda as contained in document A/AC.159/L.143, which read as follows:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda.

4. Report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 66/22.

5. Adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

6. Other matters.

B. Report of the Chair

7. At its 455th meeting, the Committee considered agenda item 4 concerning the report of the Chair of the Committee pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 66/22. The Chair made the following comprehensive statement on his consultations:

[to be completed]

8. During the meeting, an exchange of views was held on, inter alia, the work of the Committee.

9. The Committee reaffirmed the conclusions it had reached during its 1994, 1995 and 1996 sessions and emphasized the need to foster consensual, step-by-step approaches, particularly given the propitious international climate, which was conducive to the pursuit of such endeavours. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to the realization of the goals of peace, security and stability in the Indian Ocean region.

10. The Committee remained convinced that the participation of all permanent members of the Security Council and the major maritime users in the work of the Committee was important and would assist the progress of a mutually beneficial dialogue aimed at developing conditions of peace, security and stability in the region.

C. Recommendations

11. The Chair was requested to continue informal consultations with the members of the Committee and to report through the Committee to the General Assembly at its seventieth session.

D. Adoption of the report of the Committee

12. At its 455th meeting, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

13. At the same meeting, the Chair informed the members of the Committee of his intention to hold informal consultations concerning the text of the draft resolution to be submitted to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted its report.